

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-25. (Cancelled)

26 (Currently Amended). A method of providing subscribers with communication services in accordance with their agreements with a service provider, the method ~~comprises~~comprising:

determining a first plurality of subscribers to be connected to the service provider via a distribution unit located in an access network, the first plurality comprising different subscribers having current requirements for technologically advanced broadband communication services or for technologically less advanced communication services, respectively;

in the distribution unit, providing a second plurality of communication devices for serving the first plurality of subscribers, selecting an advanced broadband technology to be produced by the distribution unit to be a minimal default technology (DABT), wherein DABT is a more advanced than technology currently required by at least one of the subscribers;

in the distribution unit, arranging ~~a second~~ said second plurality of ~~uniform communication devices for serving the first plurality of subscribers,~~ so that said second plurality consisting only of uniform communication devices using the DABT, and

providing for each of said subscribers, irrespective of its individual agreement reached with the service provider, an individual permanent

communication link for supplying, from one of the communication devices, respective broadband communication services by using said DABT, and

enabling each of the plurality of subscribers to receive services in accordance with their respective agreements with the service provider, while reserving use of broadband capacity of each individual permanent communication link until required.

27 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 26, wherein said DABT is VDSL (Very high data rate Digital Subscriber Line).

28 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 26, wherein at least one of the subscribers is entitled to narrowband services only.

29 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 26, further comprising preventing the use, by a particular subscriber, of communication services not included in the agreement between said particular subscriber and the service provider.

30 (Previously Presented). A method of providing a narrowband subscriber with communication services from a distribution unit in a converged broadband and narrowband communications access network, the method comprises establishing for said narrowband subscriber a communication link capable of carrying a technologically advanced broadband communication services selected as a minimum default technology selected as a uniform technology for the distribution unit consisting only of uniform communication devices for serving all subscribers, while preventing the use by said subscriber of all communication services not included in an agreement between said subscriber and a service provider.

31 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 30, wherein said communication link is being established between the narrowband subscriber and a communication device installed in a distribution unit and supporting said broadband communication services.

32 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 29 or 30, wherein said preventing is performed by remotely configuring the communication device located at the distribution unit and associated with said particular subscriber, where the configuration is carried out from a Local Exchange connected to the distribution unit.

33 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 29 or 30, wherein said preventing is performed by providing at least one of the subscribers with a Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) unit specifically configured to provide only services in accordance with the subscriber's agreement with the service provider.

34 (Previously Presented). The method according to Claim 32, further comprising a step of reconfiguring according to an updated subscriber's agreement with the service provider.

35 (Currently Amended). A communication service distribution unit for use in a converged broadband and narrowband access network, comprising a first plurality of uniform communication devices for serving a non-uniform second plurality of subscribers associated with the distribution unit and comprising broadband and narrowband subscribers, wherein each of said communication devices are configured to provide to its corresponding subscriber a technologically

advanced broadband communication service selected as a minimal default communication service (DABT) of said distribution unit,

said DABT being a more advanced than technology currently required
by at least one of the subscribers;~~wherein said subscribers include at least one~~
~~narrowband subscriber, and~~

wherein said first plurality consists only of uniform communication devices using the DABT, thereby enabling each of the plurality of subscribers to receive communication services in accordance with their respective current requirements, while reserving use of DABT until required.

36 (Previously Presented). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, adapted to provide a more technologically advanced communication service to a limited number of the subscribers.

37 (Previously Presented). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, wherein said broadband communication service is a technologically advanced type of communication service selected from a non-exhaustive list comprising: ADSL (Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line), VDSL (Very high data rate DSL), SHDSL (Single line High bit-rate DSL).

38 (Previously Presented). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, comprising a plurality of communication devices capable of providing one and the same technologically advanced broadband communication service to all broadband and narrowband subscribers associated with the unit.

39 – 40 (Cancelled).

41 (Currently Amended). The ~~service filtering means~~communication service distribution unit according to Claim ~~40~~Claim 35, capable of remotely

~~configurable and configuring service filtering means~~ associated with a communication device providing said ~~broadband~~ DABT communication service at the distribution unit.

42 (Previously Presented). The service filtering means according to ~~Claim 39~~ Claim 41, comprising a Customer's Premises Equipment (CPE) unit for use in said subscriber's premises.

43 (Previously Presented). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, comprising a service filtering means operative to derive, from the technologically advanced broadband communication service reserved for a particular subscriber at the distribution unit, only communication services agreed between said particular subscriber and a service provider.

44 (Currently Amended). A system for providing broadband and narrowband subscribers with communication services in accordance with their agreements with a service provider, the system comprises a distribution unit consisting only of uniform communication devices using a minimal default broadband communication service (DABT) for serving said subscribers, wherein DABT is a more advanced than technology currently required by at least one of said subscribers;

the system further comprises individual permanent communication links for connecting the communication devices with respective subscribers, and service filtering means for at least one of said subscribers;

at least one of said communication devices is connected to a narrowband subscriber via an individual permanent communication link and via a service filtering means; the service filtering means being operative to prevent the use

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by the narrowband subscriber of communication services not included in an agreement between said narrowband subscriber and the service provider, while reserving use of broadband capacity of each individual permanent communication link until required.